(b) The details as received from the States are as under:—

Human lives lost	1698
Houses damaged	15,76,992
Cropped area affected	30.00 lakh hectares

(c) The State Governments are primarily responsible for relief and rehabilitation post natural calamity. The Central Government provides financial assistance to the States by way of contributions to be Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of the State. Advance releases of instalments of Central contribution to the CRF and *ad-hoc* releases from the NCCF were made to the affected States where necessary, pending further assistance from NCCF where required after assessment as per the prescribed procedure. The Central Government also provided food grains, medicine, tents, logistic support to the affected States by way of deployment of helicopters; Army columns with powered boats; assistance in restoration of communications; provision of satellite phones for telecommunication; medicines; assistance in procurement of animal vaccines and fodder, etc.

(d) Ministry of Water Resources, the nodal Ministry for flood control have been taking various measures for flood control from time to time in consultation with the State which are vulnerable to floods. That Ministry, on the directions of the Hon'ble Prime Minister have recently set up a Task Force for suggesting both short term and long term measures for flood management/erosion control as also the sources of funding.

Killings of old aged persons

†*430. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that old aged people are continuously being killed in various parts of the country whereby Government's claim about their security have been exposed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the measures being taken by Government to protect the old aged people?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) As per the statistics provided by the National Crime Records Bureau, the total number of aged people (50 years and above) killed in various parts of the country in 2001 was 3461. This number declined to 3299 in the year 2002. Data for the subsequent periods are not available.

(c) Government of India have formulated a 'National Policy on Older Persons' which, *inter-alia,* requires the police to keep a friendly vigil on the older couples or old single persons living alone and to promote mechanisms of interaction with neighbourhood associations, providing information and advising them on the importance of keeping contact on phone with relatives, friends and neighbours and on precautions to be taken on matters such as prevention of unauthorized entry, hiring of domestic help, visits of repair and maintenance persons, vendors and others, and handling of cash and valuables.

The State Governments have been advised to take action accordingly and to ensure safety of the old persons.

Power generation capacity of power plants

†*431. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power generation capacity of each power plant in the country with State-wise details thereof;

(b) the demand and generation of power in the country during each of the last three years; and

(c) the additional capacity required to meet the demand of power in the country?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) State-wise details of power generating capacity as on 31.07.2004 is given in Annexure *[See Appendix* 202, *Annexure No.* 9]

(b) State-wise power supply position in the country during the last three

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